



HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION RESOURCES

TOOLS FOR TEACHING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS

The following resources are available for Amnesty groups, faculty advisors, teachers and others interested in educating students about human rights issues. AIUSA has developed many innovative resources which can be used in a variety of settings, including K-12 as curriculum teacher education programs and college courses. For additional human rights education materials, information on using these resources, or joining the Human Rights Educators Network, contact the Human Rights Education Program.

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BOOK CURRICULUM GUIDES

Speak Truth to Power - This resource explores key human rights issues through the eyes of a human rights defender. Each chapter includes a section on the human rights issue, how to find out more and activities or discussion questions for classroom use. Book also includes the full length play, *Speak Truth to Power: Voices from Beyond the Dark* by Ariel Dorfman. Order it FREE through the online store at: www.amnestyusa.org/store/

Innocents Lost Curriculum Guide - Amnesty International USA is proud to present this new curriculum guide for *Innocents Lost*, a book about child soldiers written by Jimmie Briggs. Download the guide (in PDF) at: http://www.amnestyusa.org/education/pdf/innocents_lost_curriculum.pdf

Stolen Voices – This companion curriculum uses the first-hand accounts of *Stolen Voices*, a compilation of diaries from children during war, to introduce and engage with the human rights issues that arise from conflict. It also provides students with a framework for positive response and direct action. If you would like a copy, contact the Human Rights Education Program (listed above).

MOVIE COMPANION GUIDES

Hotel Rwanda – This organizing kit and educational tool is based on the award-winning film, *Hotel Rwanda*. Use it to bring human rights education to your community and raise awareness about the human rights crisis Darfur. Download the guide (in PDF) at: http://www.amnestyusa.org/education/pdf/rwanda_brochuredivided.pdf

Blood Diamond – Amnesty International USA has put together a teacher's guide to accompany the Warner Brother's production *Blood Diamond*. The teacher's guide includes lesson plans, a glossary, discussion questions and materials for further study. The guide provides students with insight to explore individual as well as collective and social responsibility. Download the guide at: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/page.do?id=1102105&n1=4&n2=79&n3=228>

Catch a Fire – The Human Rights Education program of AIUSA is proud to present a companion curriculum to the recent film *Catch a Fire*, directed by Phillip Noyce. Both the film and companion guide address themes of justice and reconciliation, as well as motivators for social change and the concepts of personal and collective responsibility. Download the guide (in PDF) at: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/education/pdf/catchafirecurriculum.pdf>

Born into Brothels – The Human Rights Education program has partnered with Kids with Cameras to create an education guide to accompany the academy award winning movie *Born into Brothels*. Download this guide at: www.amnestyusa.org/education

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

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UDHR Teacher's Guide and Poster Series - 12 posters series and accompanying curriculum, focus on 12 different articles found in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and applies this to a broad range of coursework. Our aim is to encourage teachers from different curriculum areas to incorporate human rights issues in their teaching.

4th R Curriculum US History - This book is a newly developed curriculum guide created to help address human rights themes within standards-based U.S. History classes grades: 6-12. The Guide includes plans, readings and background information for educators as well as hand-outs for students. 2004.

Service Learning Manual – This manual provides educators with lesson plans and projects for advancing a human rights based approach to Service-Learning.

Mine & Yours: Human Rights for Kids - For the first time ever, essential human rights, as codified in the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child, are being presented in a book specifically for children. Mine & Yours defines and explains for kids their rights, and teaches them how to assert their rights with integrity and responsibility

Our World, Our Rights - Teaching about Rights and Responsibilities in the Elementary School - This book is designed to introduce elementary school children to the UDHR. It offers children a simple way of remembering the rights embodied in the UDHR, and also helps them to identify rights and responsibilities which accompany them. Includes classroom activities, stories, case studies, action opportunities and a list of additional resources. 170 pages

September 11th Crisis Response Guide - This guide focuses on the events of September 11 2001 and the immediate aftermath and places them within a human rights context. It is targeted to junior high and high school teachers and covers topics that range from racism and discrimination to International Humanitarian Law.

In Plain Sight – Created in collaboration with WITNESS, this resource is a library of companion curriculum guides (6 in total) to accompany 6 WITNESS' advocacy videos.

Issue Guides on Darfur, the Death Penalty and Human Trafficking. Check the website for more info, www.amnestyusa.org/education

FREE NEWSLETTERS

"The Fourth R" - The only national human rights education newsletter in the United States, this biannual publication is free to members of the Human Rights Educators' Network. This newsletter is available online at: www.amnestyusa.org/education/4thr.html

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